# **CHAPTER NO. 645**

# **HOUSE BILL NO. 2323**

# By Representative Brown

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2223

# By Senators Fowler, Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-320, relative to pilot program to reimburse licensed residential homes for aged.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-320(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The board for licensing health care facilities may, by regulation, establish a pilot program to reimburse licensed residential homes for the aged, as defined by § 68-11-201, to the exclusion of institutional homes for the aged, in those counties having a metropolitan form of government and in those counties having a population according to the 1980 or any subsequent census of:

| not less than | nor more than |
|---------------|---------------|
|               |               |
| 6,125         | 6,225         |
| 8,600         | 8,650         |
| 13,565        | 13,600        |
| 13,760        | 13,860        |
| 19,500        | 19,575        |
| 20,300        | 20,400        |
| 23,850        | 23,900        |
| 25,300        | 25,350        |
| 27,900        | 27,920        |
| 28,250        | 28,300        |
| 32,850        | 32,950        |
| 34,600        | 34,700        |
| 56,000        | 56,100        |
| 74,500        | 74,600        |
| 287,700       | 287,800       |
| 319,625       | 319,725       |
| 770,000       | 780,000       |

These regulations may, in the discretion of the board, distinguish between the types of facilities and between beds within a facility to implement this pilot program, the cost of which shall not exceed the amount provided for this purpose in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 26, 2004

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004

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